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SUBJECT: NIE-32: EFFECT OF THE KOREAN WAR ON COMMUNIST
THE COMMUNIST MILITARY POSITION AND SINO-CHINA AND
SOVIET COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(Revised Draft: Terms of Reference) ITS CAPABILITIES
FOR MILITARY
OPERATIONS
ELSEWHERE

THE PROBLEM

To estimate the effect of the Korean war on the economic and political stability of the Chinese Communist regime and on Chinese Communist capabilities for conducting military operations elsewhere than in Korea.

QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

I. WHAT HAS BEEN THE EFFECT OF CHINESE COMMUNIST LOSSES
IN KOREA TO DATE?

- A. Have they forced a curtailment of operations planned for the Korean campaign?
- B. Have they hampered Chinese Communist capabilities for coping with internal forces hostile to Peiping?

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- C. Have they curtailed, cancelled or deferred operations possibly planned against Taiwan, Tibet, Indochina, Burma, or Japan?
- D. Have they strained or disrupted the domestic economy of China?
- E. Have they seriously or critically strained Sino-Soviet relations?

II. WOULD CONTINUED CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY OPERATIONS
IN KOREA ON APPROXIMATELY THE PRESENT SCALE BE
LIKELY TO --

- A. Affect the Chinese Communist problem of coping with hostile internal forces?
- B. Curtail, defer, or cancel operations possibly planned against Taiwan, Tibet, Indochina, Burma, or Japan?
- C. Strain or disrupt the domestic economy of China?
- D. Seriously or critically strain Sino-Soviet relations?

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